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# Winthrop Recognizes Employees for Service, Outstanding Work

## Quick Facts

- Acting President Debra Boyd received a special service award from the Winthrop Board of Trustees for her outstanding work over the last year.
- Associate Professor of Sociology Brad Tripp was recognized with the Faculty Student Life Award.
- Professor Gloria Jones earned the Mary Spann Richardson Award.

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – During Winthrop University's April 28 **Faculty, Staff, Retirees Awards Ceremony**, the university honored 26 retirees, 54 employees for service to the state of South Carolina and 63 employees for service to the university or community.

The honored retirees have collectively provided **469 years of service** to the state of South Carolina and Winthrop. Those retirees included:

Wanda Briggs, counseling, leadership and educational studies  
 Charlene Brown, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement  
 Lillie Chisholm, facilities management  
 Bill Click, mass communication  
 Margaret Douglas, facilities management  
 Sandra Douglas, Dacus Library  
 Sharen DuBard, athletics  
 Rebecca Evers, counseling, leadership and educational studies  
 James Hammond, computing and information technology  
 Susan Hyatt, sociology and anthropology  
 Teresa Justice, sponsored programs and research  
 Hal Manasa, accounting, finance and economics  
 Carol Mapp, Dacus Library  
 Jim McKim, computer science and quantitative methods  
 Joan Miktuk, student financial services  
 Debi Mink, The James and Susan Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnership  
 Mark Mitchell, counseling, leadership and educational studies  
 Anne Olsen, computer science and quantitative methods  
 Peter Phillips, biology  
 Scott Rockholt, campus police  
 Marilyn Sarow, mass communication  
 Martha Spears, management and marketing  
 Betty Triplett, alumni relations  
 Rick Walker, computing and information technology  
 Rosanne Wallace, accreditation and accountability  
 Margaret Williamson, University College

Winthrop officials also recognized employees who reached their 10-, 20- and 30-year state service milestones. Those employees included:

10 Years:

Jack Allen, campus police  
 Leigh Armistead, psychology

Gretchen Baldwin, counseling services  
Cassie Bell, biology  
Patrice Burleson, management and marketing  
Warren Byrd, computing and information technology  
Steve Dannelly, computer science and quantitative methods  
Lisa Duncan, facilities management  
Thomas Dunham, campus police  
Kimberly Faust, president's office  
Julia Fockler, financial aid  
Christian Grattan, chemistry, physics and geology  
Aaron Hartel, chemistry, physics and geology  
April Hershey, Graduate School  
Lisa Johnson, Richard W. Riley College of Education  
Jennifer Jordan, counseling, leadership and educational studies  
Willie Lewis, accounting, finance and economics  
Ray Logan, facilities management  
Mary Martin, counseling, leadership and educational studies  
Frank McDaniel, facilities management  
JL McDaniel-Milliken, music  
Marilyn Montgomery, English  
Mark Nortz, mass communication  
Martha Ocampo Chaguendo, facilities management  
Hemant Patwardhan, management and marketing  
Cara Peters, management and marketing  
Merry Sleigh-Ritzer, psychology  
Karen Stock, fine arts  
Bonnye Stuart, mass communication  
Takita Sumter, chemistry, physics and geology  
Jodi Wendt, athletics  
Sheila White, facilities management

20 Years:

Allen Blackmon, university relations  
Iris Coleman, mathematics  
Susan Crowder, records and registration  
Dwight Dimaculangan, biology  
Wayne Francoeur, facilities management  
Robbie Hampton, records and registration  
Lydia Johnson, finance and business  
Karen Kedrowski, College of Arts and Sciences  
Jo Koster, English  
Jeffrey Lahr, athletics  
Eddie Lee, history  
Eyvette Long, development  
Jeannie Mann, facilities management  
Anna Sartin, theatre and dance  
Carolyn Sumner, fine arts  
Judy Thomas, human nutrition

30 Years:

Debra Boyd, president's office  
Sharen DuBard, athletics  
Brenda Knox, Dacus Library  
Debbie Newsome, athletics  
Jason Silverman, history  
Susan Silverman, Dacus Library

Retirees are encouraged to participate in the Winthrop Retirees' Association. Information regarding the association may be obtained from Ruth Greer at [rlgreer@comporium.net](mailto:rlgreer@comporium.net).

**Gloria Jones**, dean of University College, was the recipient of the Mary Spann Richardson Award which was created by siblings Rowland P. Alston Jr., William E. Lenoir, Jr and Victoria Lenoir Saunders '79 in memory of their mother. The award honors a faculty or staff member for exceptional service, professional excellence and the ability to provide Winthrop with positive visibility throughout the region.

**Brad Tripp**, associate professor of sociology, received the Faculty Student Life Award for his broad and deep interactions with student life efforts, and for his efforts with various initiatives that have had a positive impact on students' lives.

**Acting President Debra Boyd** received a special service citation from the Winthrop Board of Trustees that honored her 30 years of service in various capacities at Winthrop, in particular her steady leadership and service as Acting President over the last year.

Winthrop also honored 60 employees with presidential citations for service to the university as well as presidential citations for service to the community. Acting President Debra Boyd congratulated each recipient while presenting each with a framed citation.

The presidential citation for service to the community award winner, **Ronnie Faulkner, Dacus Library**, was recognized for his 30-year Rotarian service which includes his current position as secretary of the Rock Hill Rotary Club.

Presidential citation for service to the university award winners were recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the university beyond normal job expectations. Winners demonstrated a history of engagement with the campus community and a career that has significantly advanced the vision and values of the university. Those employees who received a presidential citation for service to the university were:

**Ann Biggerstaff, College of Business Administration**, for going above and beyond her normal job duties to help organize multiple college events, host delegations from China and other countries, and prepare the passports and visa applications for more than a dozen Winthrop teachers each year who travel to China.

**Eric Birgbauer, biology**, for his proven efforts to create meaningful biomedical research opportunities for students by securing a \$360,000 prestigious Academic Research Enhancement Award from the National Institutes of Health.

**Barbara Burgess-Wilkerson, management and marketing**, for her significant contributions to the College of Business Administration's Student Professional Development program.

**Jennifer Cease-Cook, counseling, leadership and educational studies**, for her exceptional leadership as director of the Winthrop Think College program.

**Beth Costner, College of Arts and Sciences**, and **Brian Hipp, College of Business Administration**, for their tireless work over the past two academic years to design and implement the online systems for faculty annual reports and end-of-semester course evaluations.

**Heather Evans-Anderson, biology**, for her demonstrated record of success in securing more than \$500,000 in external funding to create meaningful biomedical research opportunities for students, including a \$419,000 prestigious Academic Research Enhancement Award from the National Institutes of Health.

**Ruth Gaylor, student academic services**, for her tireless efforts throughout the debut of the Richard W. Riley College of Education's new teacher education core curriculum.

**Philip Gibson, accounting, finance and economics**, for his demonstrated improvements to the personal finance program.

**Jessica Hamm, mathematics**, for her instrumental leadership in securing Winthrop as the host location of two important conferences.

**Gale Teaster-Woods, Dacus Library**, and **Nancy White, Dacus Library**, for their work as primary contact with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) as Dacus transitions from its current Legacy Library System to OCLC's WorldShare Management Services.

**Michelle Hare, financial aid**, for going above and beyond in service to Winthrop and the campus community, as evidenced by her vigilance in finding ways to improve on service to all constituents.

**Josh Bistromowitz, admissions**, **David Rollings, admissions**, **Rose Guyer, admissions**, **Katie Dykhuis, Graduate School**, and **Kamal Shah, computing and information technology**, for their leadership in the onboarding and customization of a new customer relationship management (CRM) software program.

**Ryan Sheehan, development**, for his willingness to assume all duties of executive director of alumni relations while also maintaining his responsibilities as associate director.

Facilities management employees **Charles Wallace, Robin White, Scott Blackmon, Frank McDaniel, Robert Jordon, David Lifsey** and **John Toby** for their contributions as part of a vital, yet unseen, team that runs the central energy plant 24 hours a day/seven days a week/365 days a year.

**Ben Roach, facilities management, Mitzi Stewart, facilities management, Kelly Huber, facilities design and development, Patrice Bruneau, computing and information technology, TJ Carney, computing and information technology, Allison Stucker, computing and information technology, Brandon Chap, computing and information technology, Luis Garcia, computing and information technology, Jen Fricke, Richard W. Riley College of Education and Karen Miller, Richard W. Riley College of Education,** for their contributions to the Withers/W.T.S. Building renovation project.

**Shawn Cetrone, university relations,** for producing the poignant and well-received “Fulfilling the Promise” documentary, in conjunction with the university’s 50th anniversary of integration commemoration.

**Margaret Williamson, University College, Grant Scurry, student affairs, Laura Little, alumni relations, Jeanie Faris, financial aid, Maria D’Agostino, records and registration, T.J. Carney, computing and information technology, Niki Behr, payroll, Becky Best, facilities management, Kelly McGinnis, athletics, Sharen DuBard, athletics, Kelly Shelton, public events, Rosanne Wallace, accreditation and accountability and Jill Simpson, health services,** for their service as a member of the Winthrop University Staff Assembly during its inaugural year.

**Beverly Holbrook, health and counseling services,** for her initiative in creating outreach programs and training for faculty, staff and especially students who may have experienced sexual violence, harassment, bullying, stalking and crimes of bias.

**Lee Ann Johnson, Winthrop Bookstore,** for her 34 years of dedicated service during which she rose through the ranks as a student employee to store manager, a position she has held since 1984.

**Miranda Knight, student affairs,** for going above and beyond for students as the advisor for Chi Omega and the women’s volleyball club, and for working with Greek organizations by conducting numerous Bystander Intervention: It’s On Us programs; for encouraging students to live up their full potential; and for organizing a “Toys for Happiness” event and a Campus Community Involvement Committee Food Drive to benefit Project Hope.

**DeeAnna Brooks, president’s office, Kinyata Adams Brown, student affairs, Laura Little, alumni relations, Caroline Rust Ward, development, Gina White, Dacus Library and Ellen Wilder-Byrd, university relations,** for focusing the Winthrop community’s attention on the courageous people and historic events that 50 years ago led to the integration of Winthrop’s campus.

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